

## APPEAL TO THE MOVEMENT TO SUPPORT THE MEDITERRANEA INITIATIVE

In 2018 several Italian organisations and associations joined forces to develop and promote the Mediterranea initiative. This network aims to respond to the climate of rejection of migrants, avoid the risk of bringing about further deaths, and address the issue of the lack of information in the Mediterranean.

In October 2018 Mediterranea decided to launch the Mare Jonio, an Italian registered ship, equipped to monitor the situation and undertake rescues if necessary, aware of the fact that now more than ever before, saving a life in danger means saving ourselves. Mediterranea is a moral and civil disobedience initiative.

The initiative counteracts a national and xenophobic public discourse. It struggles against the prohibition on bearing witness to what is really happening in the Mediterranean. On the other hand, the initiative complies with constitutional and international norms, maritime law and human rights legislation; this is all about saving anyone in danger and accompanying them to a safe harbour.

The initiative also works on land by developing a regional support network.

The network is a means of forging social links between the grassroots reality and individuals wanting to get involved in this undertaking.

Mediterranea takes great care of its invaluable partnerships with the main NGOs who undertake maritime search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean, with partnerships with Sea-Watch and Proactiva

Open Arms.

You can join us at any time: each supporter automatically becomes a promoter of the initiative. Emmaus Italy is currently helping by providing Mare Jonio with the type of clothing needed by those rescued at sea, but we want to contribute more.

We are looking to raise €25,000 in order to become direct promoters of this initiative.

**Emmaus Italy is therefore launching an internal Emmaus Movement** (at the local, European and international level) **and external fundraising campaign, harnessing the support of citizens, in order to achieve this objective.** 

How you can help:

- MAKE A BANK TRANSER TO THE CURRENT ACCOUNT OPENED IN EMMAUS ITALIA'S NAME IBAN: IT 13 U 05018 02800 000015118102 - BIC-SWIFT CCRTIT2T84A - Payment reference: Contribution to Mediterranea
- SHARING THE NEWS AND UPDATES THAT WILL BE PERIODICALLY PUBLISHED FOR

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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE INITIATIVE mediterranearescue.org

Thank you in advance for your support and my warmest greetings to all, Franco Monnicchi - President of Emmaus Italy